

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2018-207-E - ORDER NO. 2018-552

AUGUST 7, 2018

IN RE: Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for	)	ORDER GRANTING
an Accounting Order to Defer Certain	)	ACCOUNTING ORDER
Capital and Operating Expenses	)	TO DEFER CERTAIN
	)	CAPITAL AND
	)	OPERATING EXPENSES

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) by way of the Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or “Company”) filed on June 22, 2018, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 58-27-1540, S.C. Code Reg. 103-825, and other applicable Commission rules and regulations for an accounting order for regulatory and financial accounting purposes authorizing the Company to defer in a regulatory asset account certain incremental costs that have been or are being incurred by the Company since January 1, 2018, in connection with the addition of the W.S. Lee Combined Cycle plant; the development of the new billing and Customer Information System; and the addition of the Carolinas West Primary Distribution Control Center.

The request for relief set forth within the Petition does not involve a change to any of DEC’s retail rates, or require a change in any Commission rule or regulation. Such relief will not prejudice the right of any party to address the prudence of such costs in a subsequent rate case proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

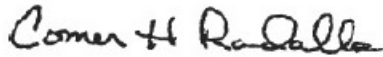
1. The Company's request to defer the return and depreciation expense, property taxes, incremental non-fuel operating and maintenance expenses and carrying costs at the weighted average cost of capital in connection with the addition of the W.S. Lee combined cycle plant incurred since January 1, 2018, is granted. The plant was placed in service on April 5, 2018. Such costs are approximately \$22 million on a South Carolina Retail basis, estimated through mid-2019.

2. The Company's request to defer in a regulatory asset account the incremental operating and maintenance expenses associated with the deployment of the Company's new billing and Customer Information System, known as Customer Connect, and carrying costs on the deferred costs at its weighted average cost of capital incurred since January 1, 2018, is granted. The costs to be deferred are approximately \$6 million on a South Carolina Retail basis through mid-2019. The deferred costs to be recorded on the Company's accounting records will be based on actual costs.


3. The Company's request to defer in a regulatory asset account the return and depreciation on the capital costs associated with the Company's Carolinas West Primary Distribution Control Center incurred since January 1, 2018, is granted. The Company states the costs it seeks to defer are approximately \$5 million on a South Carolina Retail basis, estimated through mid-2019.

4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator